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Hey Mike,

I was going through my list of things to make sure we'd addressed for the nutrient rules. I noticed that the version of DEQ Circular -12 does not have the comments we suggested. It's missing the second sentence.

Would you mind adding the language into the circular? It will also be helpful to point to this language when I'm discussing the river breaks lack of criteria with HQs. Thanks!

Tina

**Suggested Edits on Downstream Use Protection:** "Within and among the geographic regions or watersheds listed, base numeric nutrient standards of the downstream reaches and lakes will continue to be maintained by limiting nutrient loadings as necessary from the contributing upstream waterbodies. Where possible, modeling and/or other methods such as regression between upstream and downstream nutrient concentrations will be utilized to determine the limitations required to provide for the attainment and maintenance of water quality standards of downstream waters."